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Spencer Block Badly Burned

Roof and Second Floor Destroyed by Fire, Monday.

The Spencer Block was badly gutted by fire Monday afternoon, in a blaze which taxed our fire department to its utmost to keep it from destroying the entire structure.

The fire originated near the roof of the back part and an alarm was turned in. The fire department responded promptly and an effort was made to extinguish the blaze with chemicals. The building is constructed mainly of pine, and this, coupled with the fire being just under the roof and almost inaccessible, made hard work for the fireman. Water was brought into play, and this held the fire from going below the second story.

The store buildings were occupied by George Spencer with his plumbing shop and electrical supplies, and by the Blount Bazaar Store. The second floor was divided into apartments, George Spencer, with his mother and family occupying a part, and the families of Jesse Simmons and Walter Petrie the other apartments. Owing to the dense smoke caused by the burning pine, it was impossible to save any of the household furnishings from the second floor and these are badly injured by the water and smoke. Some of the contents of Mr. Spencer's shop were removed, but the remainder of this stock together with that of Blount's Bazaar were soaked with the falling water.

Mr. Spencer carried fire insurance on the building and the contents owned by him, and Blount's Bazaar was insured.

Death of Jas. M. Cummins

The funeral of James Michal Cummins, whose death from Bright's disease last Friday was reported in these columns, was held from the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. John Clemens. The remains were in charge of the local I. O. O. F. lodge of which deceased was a brother member. Interment at East Jordan cemetery.

Deceased was born the 15th of Nov. 1865 at Wegatchie, St. Lawrence Co., N. Y. his parents being John and Eliza Cummins. He came with his parents to East Jordan in 1878, and in July, 1889, he was united in marriage to Miss Maude Gregg of Sears, Mich. They made their residence here for a number of years, and later moved to Pewaukee, Wis. Owing to his failing health Mr. Cummins and wife returned to East Jordan last September, and made their home with their father, John Cummins.

Besides his wife, deceased leaves to mourn his loss his father, two brothers, Joseph and John, and two sisters, Mrs. Rose McArthur of this city and Mrs. Ida St. John of Escanaba.

Death of Mrs. Harriet Stephan

The remains of Mrs. Harriet Stephan, who passed away at Lansing, Mich., Friday, Feb. 4th, were brought to East Jordan, Saturday last for interment. Funeral services were held from the Methodist Episcopal church Monday afternoon conducted by the pastor, Rev. John Clemens; interment at East Jordan cemetery. Deceased was born in Holland, Europe, in 1851. She was united in marriage to Mr. Stephan in that country and they came to this country about twenty-five years ago, locating at Ellsworth, Antrim county. She has since resided at Grand Rapids, and for several years made her home at East Jordan, going to Lansing last November.

Deceased leaves, besides her husband three sons and three daughters—Peter, Henry and John Stephan of Lansing, Mrs. Carl Bohls of Lansing, Mrs. Abe Lamper of Grand Rapids, and one daughter who resides near Ellsworth.

Old Nursery Rhymes Revamped

There was a man in our town,
Who was not very wise,
He went to buy his wife a belt,
But he did not know the size.
And when he took it home to her,
You should have heard the kicks,
His waist was eighteen inches 'round,
The belt was thirty-six!

The belle in the choir may bring more young men to church than the bell in the steeple.

ANOTHER BANQUET

The Epworth League is giving a Patriotic banquet on Friday evening, Feb. 18, and has planned to make it a most attractive event. This will be open to the public and all lovers of true patriotism will be anxious to patronize it. Attractive decorating. Menu and Program as follows:

MENU
Pressed Meat Scolloped Potatoes
Rusks
Combination Salad Pickles
Cheese
Devil's Food Cake Light Cake
Coffee
La France Cream Bananas Mints

PROGRAM
Quartet, Selected—Mr. R. E. Webster, Miss Jennie Waterman, Miss Ida M. Coleman, Mr. L. P. Holliday.
Welcome—Miss Cecile Coulthard
Toastmaster—Supt. L. P. Holliday
Solo—"The Old Flag Never Touched the Ground"—Mrs. R. E. Webster
Toast, "Bro. Jonathan"—Prof. Floyd Smith
Quartet—Selected
Reading, Selected—Miss Harriet Thomas
Solo, "A Theme for Loyal Hearts"—Miss Hazel Cummins
Toast, "The Old Fox That was Not Bagged"—Rev. John Clemens
Quartet—Selected
Toast—"The Rail Splitter"—Rev. Robert S. Sidebotham
Solo, "E'en Bravest Heart"—Prof. C. Ross Brownell.

MICHIGAN CROP REPORT

Lansing, Mich., Feb'y 7, 1916.

WHEAT—In reply to the question, "Has wheat during January suffered injury from any cause," 148 correspondents in the southern counties answer "Yes" and 96 "No"; in the central counties 62 answer "Yes" and 31 "No" in the northern counties 68 answer "Yes" and 26 "No" and in the Upper Peninsula 1 answers "Yes" and 13 "No." Snow protected wheat in the State 10 days, in the southern counties 9, in the central counties 7, in the northern counties 14, and in the Upper Peninsula 27 days.

The average depth of snow on Jan. 15th in the State was 2.33 inches, in the southern counties 1.53, in the central counties 1.49, in the northern counties 3.48 and in the Upper Peninsula 11.65 inches.

The total number of bushels of wheat marketed by farmers in January at 70 flouring mills was 123,033 and at 91 elevators and to grain dealers 145,946 or a total of 268,979 bushels. Of this amount 189,309 bushels were marketed in the southern four tiers of counties, 69,736 in the central counties and 9,934 in the northern counties and Upper Peninsula.

The estimated total number of bushels of wheat marketed in six months, August-January is 5,250,000. Forty mills, elevators and grain dealers report no wheat marketed in January.

The average condition of live stock in the State is reported as follows: comparison being with stock in good, healthy and thrifty condition: horses and sheep 95, cattle and swine 95.

COLEMAN C. VAUGHAN,
Sec'y of State.

Notice to Ward Committees and Prospective Candidates for Nomination to City Offices.

I would respectfully call your attention to Act No. 270 of the public acts of 1915, relative to elections, which provides that all caucuses and nominating conventions shall be held at least twenty days prior to the regular election. Also that the ballots for any general or primary election, shall be on file with the county or city clerk, as the case may be, at least twelve days prior to said election. This means that all nominating petitions must be filed with the city clerk not later than Saturday, Feb. 26th, 1916, which will give the printer two days in which to prepare the ballots.

Otis J. Smith,
City Clerk.

Wise and Otherwise

Whiskey straight makes crooked paths.

When you think a girl's a peach you don't need sugar and cream to smack your lips over her.

What would be the basest crime in time of peace is the highest exemplification of patriotism in time of war.

You, young man, just fresh from college, don't make fun of your old dad's lack of learning. Think of the good judgement he used in picking out a mother for you.

State Teachers' Institute AT CHARLEVOIX

Thursday and Friday, Feb'y 17-18, 1916.

PRES. JAS. KAYE, Marquette Normal, Conductor.
DR. E. B. BRYAN, Hamilton, N. Y., Instructors
SUPT. L. L. TYLER, Traverse City
MAY L. STEWART, Local Committee.

PROGRAM

Thursday Morning, Feb. 17th

9:30 High School Orchestra.
Devotionals Rev. Quinton Walker
Vocal Solo E. D. Pierce
Address, New Trends in Education Pres. Kaye
10:15 Address, The Educational Platform Dr. E. B. Bryan
11:00 Recess and Enrollment
11:15 Gleanings May L. Stewart

Thursday Afternoon

1:30 Vocal Solo Miss Corell
Address, The Gospel of Work Dr. Bryan
2:30 Recess in charge of Supt. Craig
2:45 Habit and Education Pres. Kaye

Thursday Evening

6:00 Teachers' Supper at Hotel Michigan at 50 cents per plate.
Best time yet. Supt. Holliday, Master of Merrymaking.
Don't blame him. He can't help it.
8:00 In Methodist Church Parlors
7th and 8th grade concert under direction of Mrs. Coulter.
Address, The Meaning of Youth Dr. Bryan

Friday Morning, Feb. 18th

9:15 High School Orchestra.
Devotionals Rev. Taggart
Piano Solo Margaret Saunders
9:30 Address, Being Awake Supt. Tyler
10:15 Address, How to Teach Pupils to Study Pres. Kaye
11:00 Recess
11:15 Address, School Government Supt. Tyler

Friday Afternoon

1:30 Vocal Solo Mrs. A. L. Coulter
Palmer Instruction Archie Lee Dickson
Address, A Golden Triangle Supt. Tyler
2:30 Recess
2:45 Address, How to Teach Composition in the Grades.

ELBERT BEDE SAYS

The anti-militarists seems to have overlooked the Salvation Army.

The secret ballot will soon be a back number with women becoming voters.

Perpetual motion has been found at last. The man who discovered it has a wife and twelve daughters.

The candidate thinks more about good roads when he wants to pave his way into office than he does afterwards.

If the war in Europe continues another couple of years, disarmament will become mighty popular with the taxpayers over there.

It is proposed to have congress in continuous session—and this just as several noted preachers were claiming the world was getting better.

The man who said there is no connection between poverty and crime must be right. There are many times more bankers in jail than newspaper men.

The wholesale price of steel bars has dropped, so it is said, and the economical housekeeper will see that she gets the benefit when doing the family shopping.

The chief objection to our banking system is that the man who hasn't any money can't get any, while the man who has plenty of it can always borrow more.

A former newspaper man is president of a college. If he imparts to the students everything he learned as a newspaper man, some well trained young men and women are going to be turned out into the world.

The fact that a woman is married is not to bar her from teaching in Oregon. From experience with her own children the mother should be better qualified to act as proxy parent to the children of the neighborhood.

Short and Sweet

Pat—"I hear you and the boys struck for shorter hours. Did you get 'em?"
Mike—"Sure. We're not working at all now."

When a man is in his cups he should beware of family jars.

Isn't it queer that a man never shows his temper until after he loses it?

In Memoriam, H. L. Olney

At the business session of the Charlevoix County Farmer's Institute Society at Ironton, Feb. 5th, 1916, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Our earnest and beloved leader and President, Herbert Olney, has been removed from our midst thru death, therefore

Be it resolved, That we, the members of the Charlevoix County Farmer's Institute Society extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy, also

Be it resolved, That we in this way express our deep and sincere appreciation of Mr. Olney's services in the interests of better agriculture thru his activity in our Society, and further

Be it resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the family and to the several county papers.

Signed,

H. L. Barmun
A. L. Darbee
May L. Stewart
Resolutions Committee.

And Along Came Ruth

"When I open the windows to sweep the rooms," complained Ruth's aunt Caroline, "the curtains brush back and forth and rub up against the screens and outer sash, and become so soiled that they are a constant nuisance."

"Just let me tell you an easy way to avoid that," said Ruth. "Sew snap fasteners on the inside of each lower corner of your curtains, and the other half of the snap about three quarters of the way up, on the inside also, one on each side of the curtain. In this way they can be quickly caught up and held in place, yet the fasteners will not be seen by the casual observer."

"Ruth, that head of yours," began her aunt, "but words fail me!"

Insults and pills are best swallowed without chewing.

But the thorn remains long after the rose has withered.

Promissory notes are in reality nothing but paper waits.

Trying to stand on your dignity may result in a hard fall.

However, the less a man talks, the more he doesn't have to apologize.

SAVING AT THE SPIGOT AND WASTING AT THE BUNGHOLE

There is an economy that saves at the spigot and wastes at the bunghole. To practice economy in little things and forget it in the larger ones is no economy at all. To walk a mile in order to save five cents car fare may not be a good policy, for the time may be worth many times the saving. It has been figured out that it does not pay a carpenter to stoop down to pick up a nail, for the time he wastes would buy two nails. You often see men and boys in the big city dashing in front of autos, dodging trolley cars and taking desperate chances with their lives to save a few moments time, and then stop for ten or fifteen minutes to watch some gentleman in a window advertising a corn cure. Be consistent!

It never pays to buy something simply because it is cheap. If you do not need it, it is dear at any price. The woman who is eager for bargains and buys simply because she cannot resist the temptation to get a bargain has swindled herself. True value consists in getting the maximum return for the money spent.

Last summer a woman bought six baskets of peaches that were spotted, and thought she bought them cheap, and her economical soul was exultant; but when she found she had fewer cans than if she had bought sound fruit, and the scraps were useless for "peach butter," and in her anxiety to get them canned before they spoiled she worked herself sick and let the syrup boil until it crystallized, she realized that there are some bargains that are not bargains.

When a wave of economy strikes the household, the wife generally decides to save on the table, which is all very well, provided she knows how. But to buy cheap meats and stale vegetables may be the poorest sort of economy.

There are some cuts of beef as nourishing as porterhouse at one-third less the cost; but to buy bone and gristle for beef is to deceive yourself. If the family eats no fat, buy lean cuts.

Pork chops can be had with practically no fat or bone at all. These are the loin chops. Rump roast is all meat and no bone and goes a long way because there is no waste. In the matter of clothing costly economy can be practiced. Two pairs of two dollar shoes will not last half as long as one pair of four dollar ones. Gingham costs more than calico, but it wears longer and looks better. It costs just as much to make a dress of calico as of gingham and the only difference is the small saving in material cost, which is overbalanced by the short wear. A remnant is not cheap unless you can use it.

It may pay a woman to do her own laundry, but if she breaks her health it is costly washing. You can save money by doing without eating—at least cutting it down to stopping the craving for food. You can eat candy just before dinner and not want soup and meat; but that is saving money to hire a doctor. True economy does consist in doing without some things—needless luxuries, but not in doing without the necessities of life. There are many ways to save, but look out that in saving at the spigot you don't forget the bunghole.

The Pessimist Breaks Loose

There is a land of small delight
Where all we mortals dwell,
Where something pesters day and night
And holidays, as well,
Misfortune's ice is spread afar
Whereon each mortal slips;
And those who dodge the mortar car
Appendicitis grips.

While shines the sun man maketh hay
And sunstroke is his gain
He saveth for a rainy day;
And lo it doesn't rain.
The demon corn gnaws at his feet,
Or pain his eye tooth rides,
Or something that he's had to eat
Disturbs his whole insides.

His wife deletes what're he's earned
And buyeth hats galore;
And every time his back is turned,
They raise his taxes more
Almost before he gets to bed
A new day doth commence.

Full oft he'd wish that he were dead—
Except for the expense.

Such is the life we mortals live—
A paltry, tiresome task.
All joys are given in a sieve,
Cares in a stoppered flask;

If poor a man is thought a dunce;
If rich, 'tis called a crime.
Good fortune knocks, 'tis said but once;
Hard luck knocks all the time.

He who never does wrong never does very much, anyway.

Commission Proceedings.

Special meeting of the City Commission held at the commission rooms, Friday evening, Feb. 4th, 1916.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Cross. Present—Cross, Gidley and Lancaster. Absent—None.

Minutes of the last meeting were not read.

Whereas, Act No. 270 of the public acts of 1915, relative to elections, conflicts with the charter provisions of the City of East Jordan, moved by Lancaster, supported by Gidley, that the primary election for the nomination of candidates for city offices in said city, be held on Monday, March 13th, 1916, and that the city charter provisions regarding the holding of said primary, shall be observed except as conflicting with said act.—Carried.

On motion by Gidley, meeting was adjourned.

Otis J. Smith,
City Clerk.

Regular meeting of the City Commission held at the commission rooms, Monday evening, Feb. 7th, 1916.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Cross. Present—Cross, Gidley and Lancaster. Absent—None.

Minutes of the last two meetings were read and approved.

On motion by Lancaster, the following bills were allowed:

E. W. Giles, labor on streets, \$ 10.00
Otis J. Smith, salary, 25.00
Henry Cook, salary, 75.00
Jno. F. Kenney, wood for

J. Slingland, 2.00
Am. LaFrance Fire Eng. Co.,

mdse., 13.00
Crandall Packing Co., packing, 29.25

Att'y D. L. Wilson, ins. on town hall, 13.80

Gutta Percha & Rub. Mfg. Co., fire hose, 240.00

Mieh. State Tel. Co., rentals, 6.25

E. J. Hesse Co., Wood and

Spencer fires, 103.50

E. J. Lbr. Co., groe. for J. Sling-

land, 56.99

D. H. Fitch, salary and rental, 24.16

Supernaw Prod. & Fuel Co.,

wood, 1.00

L. C. Monroe, sanding streets, 4.00

A. Walstad, repair work, 2.35

The following were designated as polling places for the primary and regular elections: First Ward, Eagle House; Second Ward, Town hall; Third Ward, Hose House.

The following appointments were made for primary and regular election boards: First Ward, J. H. Milford, H. J. Carpenter, Wm. Bashaw, H. A. Goodman, and Thos. Whiteford.

Second Ward, Wm. Aldrich, Franklin L. Smith, Robert Barnett, Roscoe Mackey and L. G. Balch.

Third Ward, D. L. Wilson, H. L. Winters, Wm. Pickard, J. W. Rogers and C. B. Crowell.

On motion by Gidley, the above appointments were confirmed.

On motion by Gidley, meeting was adjourned.

Otis J. Smith,
City Clerk.

FEBRUARY, MONTH OF "RED-LETTER" DAYS ("By Observer.")

February, while the shortest month of the year, certainly holds its own in number of "red-letter" days—days having some special significance attached to them. With an added day tacked on the rear end, the month this year also crowds September, April, June and November for length. Over the United States there are thousands of people who will this year celebrate an anniversary of their birth on Feb. 29th who have not had an opportunity for doing so for four years.

The first red-letter day of February was the 2nd—candlemas, or groundhog day more or less associated with superstition the United States over. The 12th is an anniversary of the birth of Lincoln, born 107 years ago. On the 14th comes St. Valentine's day, when little tokens of love and remembrance are exchanged—an ideal opportunity for us to remind our absent relatives and friends that they are still in our memory. Sunday, the 20th is a more or less widely known church day—Septuagesima—meaning the third Sunday before Lent. Washington's birthday comes on the 22nd and is the 174th anniversary of that event. On the 27th is Sexagesima—second Sunday before Lent, and then the 29th—Leap Year Day, the extra one added to the month one year in four which gives the year the title of "Leap Year," during which those girls of marriageable age who think it is not embarrassing to "pre-pose" are offered an opportunity of doing so themselves.

The word "February" is from the Latin "febru," meaning to purify.